

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO MONITOR ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES AND TO MONITOR THE INTEGRATED STATE ENERGY PLAN AND OTHER ISSUES.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, for the past sixteen years, the Legislature has adopted concurrent resolutions that authorized the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to monitor energy, environment and technology related issues from both the statewide perspective and the national perspective and to submit a final report to the Idaho Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 and 2011 the Legislature felt the State of Idaho needed to have an Integrated State Energy Plan that provides for the state's power generation needs and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Idaho and the products produced in this state; and

WHEREAS, Idaho will have substantial power needs in the near future, and the goal of the 2012 Integrated State Energy Plan is to ensure that those needs will be met; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the 2012 Integrated State Energy Plan to maintain the health, safety and welfare of Idaho's citizens, the quality and financial security of existing agricultural businesses and industries, the economic growth of the State of Idaho, and the environmental quality and natural resources of this state; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal that the 2012 Integrated State Energy Plan be a living, vibrant document; and

WHEREAS, the committee met in 2011 and revised the 2007 Integrated State Energy Plan, followed the fluctuation in petroleum prices and heard testimony regarding issues facing regulated utilities, municipal utilities and cooperatives, industry and alternative energy sources and met in 2012 and followed other energy, environment and technology issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to monitor the 2012 Integrated State Energy Plan that provides for the state's power generation needs and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Idaho and the products produced in this state, and makes any recommendations for necessary changes in both state law and the plan regarding energy in the state, including but not limited to, oil and natural gas, and to monitor other energy, environment and technology related issues, including those instituted by the federal government. The Legislative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to

1 receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties
2 who are not members of the Legislature.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may
4 be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Leg-
5 islative Council. Nonlegislative members of the advisory committee shall
6 not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other ex-
7 penses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recom-
8 mendations or proposed legislation.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a progress report
10 to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature and re-
11 port its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the
12 First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature.